GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Launching of Andhra Pradesh Archaka Training Mission and Establishment of Andhra Pradesh Archaka Training Academy – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS-I) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER:

The Department of Endowments with a view to protect, preserve and propagate the ideals of Hindu Dharma, proposes to bring a reorientation in the functioning of the Archakas working in temples, especially in rural areas. Presently, the Archakas, in almost all the temples, are only concentrating on conduct of priestly duties of the temple. There is a felt need for Archakas to actively interact with society to guide and help the common man on following Hindu Dharma as ordained in the Dharma Sastras.

2. Historically, Temples have been centers which nourished the Hindu way of life. They have been the centers where Sermons and Pravachans are delivered; numerous festivals are celebrated; they were the centers for fostering literature (Avadhanas, Satavadhanas, etc.).

3. It is necessary that the Hindu Dharma Parirakshana Trust/ Endowments Department / Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, rethink the role and equipment of Archakas. All Archakas should be given professional training where Hindu Philosophy and Concepts, the Puranas, Ithihasas, Upanishads, etc., are brought to the knowledge and understanding of the Archakas.

4. Government, after considering all the above aspects, have decided the following:

(a) Launch an Andhra Pradesh Archaka Training Mission, immediately. The strategy will be implemented on a mission mode to reinvigorate rural Hindu Society.

(b) Establish an Andhra Pradesh Archaka Training Academy in the State in a central location to conduct training programs for Archakas of all temples so that they can perform well not only in conducting temple rituals but also in propagating Hindu Dharma outside the temple premises.

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(c) Sri Vedantam Raja Gopala Chakravarthy, is appointed as the first Director of Andhra Pradesh Archaka Training Mission as well as Academy.

5. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Vijayawada, shall take necessary action to launch the above mentioned two programmes within the next 30 days.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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